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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Norio HAGA et al.

Serial No.: 09/171,236

Filed: July 13, 1999

Title: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended to January 31, 2002, by the accompanying Two-Month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 15, 16 and 36 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 17, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 31 and 35 with the following claims:

17. An image processing device for situating objects in virtual space by a computer system, developing a game while controlling the movements of said objects

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